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AND METHODS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 14**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated October 9, 2001, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before January 9, 2002. Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, and submit the required fee herewith, making a response due on or before April 9, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the specification:**

On page 1, line 1, please delete the title:

VIRAL PROTEIN BINDING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

And insert therefor:

USE OF THE M3 PROTEIN OF MHV68 TO BLOCK BINDING OF A CHEMOKINE TO ITS RECEPTOR

*Changed in Patent*

Please delete the following paragraphs found on pages 7-8 of the specification:

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Figure 1 shows SDS-PAGE analysis, with molecular masses in kDa, from experiments in which soluble chemokine binding activity is produced by MHV68.

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